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The major failure of the proposed settlement is its failure to address the unfair advantage of the Microsoft applications divisions. The applications divisions have intimate access to the OS during development and can exploit this during application development. Even further, they can tell the OS developers what they would like and they can get a custom patch to suit their needs. Both of these have occurred in the past with Windows 95, and 98. Microsoft products contained updates to the os, which were necessary for the product, but were not available with competitors products.

Any fair settlement should preclude the applications divisions from getting any information and treatment in regards to the OS which is not available to other software developers at large, including their competitors.

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